

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
Tomotaka Hashimoto et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1797
Application No.: 10/561,182	)	Examiner: Sun U. Kim
Filed: December 16, 2005	)	
For: Membrane Cartridge, Membrane Separating Device, and Membrane Separating Method	)	Confirmation No.: 1709

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY FILED CONCURRENTLY WITH  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of this amendment which constitutes the submission associated with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) being filed concurrently herewith. A request for a one month extension of time and appropriate fee also are being filed concurrently.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper and begin at page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper and begin at page 5.